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SUBJECT: POSTER ATTACK ON KIANGSI OFFICIALS

1. NEW PEKING POSTER IN FORM OF OPEN LETTER TO CHAIRMAN MAO AND PARTY CENTER ATTACKS CURRENT KIANGSI LEADERSHIP AND TIES THEM TO ACTIVITIES OF FORMER KIANGSI PARTY FIRST SECRETARY AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CH'ENG SHIH-CH'ING, A LIN PIAO "SWORN FOLLOWER" AND "571 ELEMENT." SIGNERS OF POSTER ARE SELF-STYLED "SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CHING KANG SHAN" FROM THE KIANGSI TRACTOR FACTORY. POSTER RECOUNTS THAT LIN PIAO HAD PLANNED TO USE KIANGSI AS A BASE AREA AND WAS USING THE KIANGSI TRACTOR FACTORY TO TURN OUT WEAPONS FOR HIS PLOT. LIN'S "SWORN FOLLOWERS" CHOU YU-CH'IH AND YU HSIN-YE ARE SAID TO HAVE COME TO THE FACTORY MANY TIMES TO PROMOTE THESE ACTIVITIES. ACCORDING TO THE POSTER, THE PROVINCIAL AND FACTORY LEADERS HAVE STILL NOT CARRIED OUT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THESE ACTIVITIES AND TEAR DOWN POSTERS ATTEMPTING TO INVESTIGATE PERSONS INVOLVED

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"WITHIN HALF AN HOUR".

2. THE CURRENT PROVINCIAL AND FACTORY LEADERSHIP ARE ALSO ACCUSED OF IGNORING THE CENTRAL DIRECTIVES ON THE CAMPAIGN. POSTER SAYS DIRECTIVE NO. 7 OF 1974 SET COURSE FOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS WHICH WRITERS HAVE TRIED TO FOLLOW. IT ACCUSES PROVINCIAL AND FACTORY LEADERS OF OPENLY OPPOSING IT AS WELL AS CENTRAL DIRECTIVES NOS. 17 AND 18, SUPPOSEDLY DERIDING NO. 17 AS "CRAZY". IT ALSO SAYS THE LEADERSHIP CREATED FACTIONALISM AMONG THE MASSES BY TRYING TO SET UP THEIR OWN MASS ORGANIZATION AND HAVE HINDERED THE CORRECT DEVELOPMENT OF THE "FOUR GREATS."

3. LEADERS ARE FURTHER SAID TO HAVE PROMOTED "ECONOMISM" AND CREATED TENSIONS AMONG WORKERS. THIS IN TURN HAS LED TO WORK STOPPAGES AND ELECTRICITY STOPPAGES IN THE FACTORY, CAUSING MAJOR PRODUCTION LOSSES. INDEED, SAY THE POSTER WRITERS, PRODUCTION IN THE KIANGSI TRACTOR FACTORY FROM JANUARY TO JUNE THIS YEAR HAS REACHED ONLY 3.6 PERCENT OF THE OUTPUT CALLED FOR IN THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL PLAN.

4. COMMENT: THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST EXPLICIT AND DETAILED POSTERS WE HAVE SEEN TO DATE, SUGGESTING THAT THE CAMPAIGN MAY BE GATHERING MOMENTUM. CLAIM THAT CAMPAIGN HAS VIRTUALLY STOPPED TRACTOR PLANT'S OPERATION IS PARTICULARLY STRIKING AND ACCORDS WITH REPORTS FROM OTHER AREAS. PEKING INCREASINGLY APPEARS TO BE PLAYING A NATIONAL ROLE AS POSTERS FROM SZECHUAN, HUNAN, HEILUNGKIANG, INNER MONGOLIA AND NOW KIANGSI HAVE APPEARED ALONG WITH LOCAL POSTERS.
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